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LB 816

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill is LB 816. The first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Landis.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis. Anyone prepared to handle the amendment? Welcome, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I am going to assume, Mr. Clerk, that this has to do with the Athletic Commission, 15 percent rebate mechanism.

CLERK: I believe it does, yes, sir.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. The Government Committee was introduced to the Damon Runyon Day this year when I brought a bill on professional boxing in this state. We had "Mouse" and "Scooter" and "Squeeze" and other characters that showed up that day to argue whether or not they should have EEGs and the like. One of the provisions of that bill was a provision that allowed the Athletic Commission to keep its cash funds. Currently, they have a 15 percent rebate into the General Fund. Twice in recent years, \$50,000 have been taken out of their cash funds. This amounts to \$4,500. It is an amount of money that they can spend during cash flow problem months in the summer for payroll, rent and travel. It would also allow them to attend the annual meeting of the National Athletic Commissioners, and this says, basically, the Athletic Commission Cash Funds will stay with the Athletic Commission. There will not be 15 percent rebate back into the General Fund. This same treatment has occurred for a number of other cash agencies. I ask for it to happen in this case as well. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion? Senator Warner, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would first raise the issue of germaneness. This bill deals solely with establishing of some fees for the Fire Marshal, and the amendment as proposed has no relationship to the base bill as it stands. I would also like to speak on the amendment after you rule on germaneness.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, would you care to make a comment?